Revenue earnings during the Current Year

1271. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government were able to increase the revenue earnings during the current financial year as compared to that of the last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Total net revenue earning during the current financial year upto October, 1999 is Rs. 82,793 crores as compared to Rs. 73,140 crores for the corresponding period during the last year.

Excise Duty Evasion by PSUs

1272. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many PSUs have also been evading excise duty on their different products; and

(b) if so, the names of PSUs and the details of violation of excise duty laws done during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Permission to International Chain Stores to operate in the country

1273. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow international chain stores to operate in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Commerce is/was opposed to this;

(d) if so, the grounds for opposition; and

(e) whether these stores would sell only foreign goods or both?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As per extant policy, foreign direct investment (FDI) is not being permitted for domestic retailing including for establishing retail stores, super markets etc.

(c) and (d) The Government has not formed any views on the issue.

Non-Payment of Income-tax/Sales Tax by M/s T-Series

1274. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cessettes industries are not giving correct information regarding payment of income tax/sales taxes to Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that M/s T-Series is not paying income tax/ Sales tax dues for the last three years, if so, what are the details of income tax/Sales tax paid by the above industry during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action against this firm and will check all the records of income/sales tax paid by them during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Income-tax Department is investigating whether or not certain cassettes industries are disclosing their correct income in their returns of income. Sales tax is a State subject and information relating to it is not maintained by the Ministry of Finance.